

recording, for each of the web strands, an individual strand measured value for the cutting positions of the web strands before bringing the strands together; and

using the recorded measured values to determine the cutting positions of the web strands in the strand to be bound in a control device including determining cutting positions of the web strands from the individual strand measured values and the common measured value determined for the web strand of the strand to be bound.

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[Please amend claim 2 as follows:]

2. (AMENDED) A process in accordance with claim 1, wherein the strand to be bound and another strand to be bound are brought together and the cutting position of the another strand to be bound is determined by using recorded measured values to determine the cutting positions of web strands of the another strand to be bound including determining cutting positions of the web strands of the another strand to be bound from individual strand measured values and a common measured value determined for the another strand to be bound in the another strand to be bound.

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[Claim 3 has not been changed by this amendment and remains as follows:]

3. A process in accordance with claim 1, wherein said strand to be bound and an individual web strand are brought together and the cutting position of the individual web strand is also determined by using the recorded measured value to determine the cutting positions of the web strands including determining cutting positions of the web strands from the individual

5 strand measured values and the common measured value determined for the individual web strand.

[Claim 4 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:]

4. A process in accordance with claim 1, wherein the common measured value recorded in the strand to be bound is used for the synchronous control of a register control unit for the web strands.

[Please amend claim 5 as follows:]

5. (AMENDED) A process in accordance with claim 1, wherein values for the cutting positions are set manually at the time of the start-up of the rotary printing press and measured values for the cutting positions are stored as reference values.

[Please amend claim 6 as follows:]

6. (AMENDED) A device for determining cutting positions of web strands, which are brought together into a strand to be bound, in a rotary printing press and are cross-cut, the device comprising:

5 at least one sensor for the strand to be bound wherein a common measured value for the cutting positions of the web strands in said strand to be bound is recorded;

web strand sensors for individually recording individual strand measured values for the cutting positions of the web strands before the web strands are brought together; and

a control device receiving the common measured value for the cutting positions of the web strands in the strand to be bound and receiving the individual strand measured values for the cutting positions of the web strands, the control device forming adjusting signals individually for the said web strands from the common measured value and the individual strand measured values.

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[Claim 7 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:]

7. A device in accordance with claim 6, wherein a common measured value for the cutting positions of the web strands in the strand to be bound is recorded in the strand to be bound by said sensor for the strand to be bound on a said single web strand of the strand to be bound.

[Claim 8 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:]

8. A device in accordance with claim 6, wherein said web strand sensors and said sensor for the strand to be bound are an optical scanner for detecting a printed pattern.

[Please amend claim 9 as follows:]

9. (AMENDED) A device in accordance with claim 6, wherein said web strand sensors and said sensor for the strand to be bound detect optical print marks, which are always printed along in a same area on the pages of different printed products.

Claim 10 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:

10. A device in accordance with claim 6, further comprising: a control device, wherein a common measured value for cutting positions of the web strands in the strand to be bound and the individual strand measured values for the cutting positions of the web strands are sent to said control device and said control device forms adjusting signals individually for web strands from the common measured value and the individual strand measured values.

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Claim 11 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:

11. A device in accordance with claim 10, further comprising controllers for said individual web strands, wherein said control device forms a correction signal from the common measured value for the cutting positions of the web strands in the strand to be bound, and said correction signal is sent to said controllers for said individual web strands as a common set point component.

Claim 12 has not been changed by this Amendment and remains as follows:

12. A device in accordance with claim 11, wherein the individual strand measured values for the cutting positions of said web strands are sent to said controllers for said individual web strands as controlled variables.

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (AMENDED) A device in accordance with claim 6, wherein said control device

includes:

a common control device which forms an adjusting signal for said strand to be bound;

and

5 individual control devices which form individual adjusting signals for said web strands, wherein the common measured value for the cutting positions of the web strands in the strand to be bound is sent to said control device which forms an adjusting signal for the strand to be bound, and the individual strand measured values for the cutting positions of the web strands are sent to said control device which forms individual adjusting signals for the web strands.

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[Please add the following new claims:]

14. (NEW) A device for determining cutting positions of individual web strands, which are brought together into a strand to be stitched, in a rotary printing press and are cross-cut, the device comprising:

at least one sensor for the strand to be stitched providing a common measured value for the cutting positions of the web strands in the strand to be stitched, the common measured value being determined from the measurement of a single strand of the web strands forming the strand to be stitched;

a web strand sensor at locations before the web strands are brought together for each of the individual strands for providing individual strand measured values for the cutting positions of the web strands; and

a control device receiving the common measured value and the individual strand